

**COUNTY OF BURNET
CITY OF MARBLE FALLS
STATE OF TEXAS**

On this the 2nd day of March, 2020 the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Marble Falls, Texas convened for a regular meeting at Noon at the Lakeside Pavilion located at 307 Buena Vista Drive, Marble Falls, Texas, with notice of meeting giving the time, place, date and subject having been posted as described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Charles Watkins | Chair |
| Dedrick Thompson | Vice-Chair |
| Christopher Feller | Commissioner |
| Annie Berg | Commissioner |
| Tomye Folts-Zettner | Commissioner |
| MaxAnne Jones | Commissioner |
| Jane Knapik | Special Cemetery Board Member |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Penny Whisenant | Commissioner |
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CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Lacey Dingman, Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Hodge, City Manager
Caleb Kraenzel, Assistant City Manager
Christian Fletcher, EDC Executive Director
Erin Burks, Downtown Coordinator
Monique Breaux, Recreation Coordinator

VISITORS: Alex Copeland – DailyTrib.com; Thomas and Susan Schultz – Area Resident; Rocky and Carol Reese – Area Residents; Donna Knox – Area Resident; LaVianda Eaglin – Area Resident; Zynarrea Johnson – Area Resident; Trenae Thompson – Resident; Donald Hooper, Jr – Resident; Sarah Forren – Resident

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT.** Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at Noon and announced the presence of a quorum.
- 2. UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS.** None.
- 3. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS.** Susan Schultz, a local educator and parents of a Special Needs child, gave an in-depth explanation of the need for a fully ADA compliant and inclusive playground in the city. Donald Hooper, a local cyclist, expressed his support for inclusive playgrounds in Marble Falls.
- 4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR MEETING AND ANY SPECIAL MEETING HELD SUBSEQUENTLY AND THEIR APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT.**

- **February 3, 2020 Regular Meeting.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chair Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS.

- **Inclusive Playground Discussion and Recommendation.** Vice-Chair Thompson gave an in-depth presentation on the need to have public inclusive playgrounds in Marble Falls. He gave the local statistics of the Special Needs students within the MFISD system that would benefit from an inclusive playground. Vice-Chair Thompson reiterated that he has been lobbying for this topic since 2017, as he is a parent to two Autistic sons.

Tracey Edgar of Whirlix presented two different options for a proposed inclusive playground located at Westside Park: a full buildout and a retrofit design. The two designs range between \$40-thousand and \$370-thousand.

Chair Watkins requested a list of any potential ADA violations within all City parks for review.

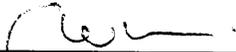
- **Phase 1a Project Update.** Director Dingman informed the Commission that staff is working to handle the algae blooms each day at the beach. She is seeking ideas from state colleagues, along with addressing the lake exchange rate. She has contacted Barton Springs and Deep Eddy Pool to determine how they treat and handle their fresh bodies of water. Lastly, the outdoor shower will be installed soon.

6. DIRECTOR'S TEAM REPORT.

- **Parks Maintenance and Operations** – The Parks crew is working on maintenance items for the remainder of the 19/20 fiscal year. Maintenance that cannot be absorbed this fiscal year, will either get moved to FY20/21 or to the CIP.
- **Cemetery and Historic Texas Update** – The cemetery project is ongoing. Staff is still working toward finalizing all headstone repairs; and the repairs are scheduled to begin in July.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020. Items to be included on the agenda are a tour of the Lakeside Pavilion and a recap of Spring Break 2020. The Commission also requested an Inclusive Play workshop to be scheduled after Spring Break activities have concluded.

8. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Berg made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feller. The motion passed unanimously.



Charles Watkins, Chair

ATTEST: 

Monique Breaux, Recreation Coordinator